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SUMMARY: CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU VISITED LONDON MARCH 11-14, AND, IN FCO VIEW, VISIT WAS MEANINGFUL AND MORE THAN SIMPLE PROTOCOL AFFAIR. MUCH ON TRUDEAU'S MIND WAS EVOLUTION OF CANADIAN "ASSOCIATION" WITH EEC, THOUGH FCO FEELS TRUDEAU HAS NOT YET PREPARED FULL SCENARIO. OTHER INTERNATIONAL TOPICS DISCUSSED IN CONFIDENTIAL

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SOME DETAIL WERE BRITISH RENEGOTIATION EFFORTS, CSCE,

NPT, AND UPCOMING COMMONWEALTH MEETING. ON BILATERAL TOPICS, TRUDEAU ASKED FOR INTENSIFICATION OF JOINT ANGLO-CANADIAN COMMITTEE. END SUMMARY.

1. CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU ARRIVED IN LONDON MARCH 11 TO BEGIN BRITISH PORTION OF HIS EUROPEAN TRAVELS, WHICH COMMENCED LAST OCTOBER WITH HIS VISITS TO PARIS AND BRUSSELS. SCHEDULE FOR HIS VISIT INCLUDED TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER WILSON AND FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN, OFFICIAL CALL ON THE QUEEN AND CEREMONIAL RITES IN WHICH TRUDEAU WAS GRANTED FREEDOM OF LONDON. AFTER LEAVING LONDON, TRUDEAU VISITED DUBLIN BEFORE RETURNING TO CANADA.

2. FCO OFFICIALS (HEAD OF NORTH AMERICAN DEPARTMENT GORDON-LENNOX AND CANADIAN DESK OFFICER O'MAHONY) TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 19 THAT TRUDEAU UTILIZED TRIP FOR PR BENEFITS AT HOME. HIS VISIT WAS HEAVILY COVERED BY CANADIAN JOURNALISTS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS, AND UK MEDIA TENDED TO DOWNGRADE HIS VISIT SOMEWHAT BECAUSE OF PRIMARY FOCUS AT THE TIME ON BRITISH RENEGOTIATION EFFORTS IN DUBLIN.

3. MAIN PURPOSE TRUDEAU VISIT, ACCORDING FCO, WAS TRUDEAU'S INTEREST IN PRESSING FOR SPECIAL LINK BETWEEN CANADA AND EC. FCO BELIEVES TRUDEAU HAS NOT COMPLETED AS YET THE DESIGN OF CANADIAN-EC RELATIONSHIP OR "ASSOCIATION," BUT TRUDEAU MADE FREQUENT REFERENCE TO "A CONTRACT." TRUDEAU TOLD BRITISH THAT HIS EFFORTS WERE BEARING SOME FRUIT INASMUCH AS EEC HAD AGREED TO OPEN A SEPARATE COMMISSION OFFICE IN OTTAWA ON TRUDEAU'S REQUEST. (FYI - TRUDEAU HAD APPARENTLY BEEN UNHAPPY THAT CANADIAN-EC RELATIONSHIP WAS BEING HANDLED OUT OF COMMISSION OFFICE IN WASHINGTON. END FYI) BRITISH RESPONSE TO TRUDEAU INITIATIVE, SOMEWHAT LIKE THAT OF THE FRENCH, HAD BEEN GENERAL APPROVAL OF THE CONCEPT WHILE PRESSING TRUDEAU TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF WHAT HE HAD IN MIND. BRITISH ALSO CONCERNED HOW SPECIAL CANADIAN-EC RELATIONSHIP WILL RELATE TO GATT.

4. DURING THE VISIT, TRUDEAU ALSO INDICATED SOME  
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CANADIAN CONCERN ABOUT BASKET III PROPOSALS IN CSCE. BRITISH EXPLAIN HIS CONCERN AS REFLECTING INTERESTS OF GERMAN AND EASTERN EUROPEAN VOTING GROUPS IN CANADA PARTICULARLY REGARDING CULTURAL AND INFORMATIONAL CLAUSES AS WELL AS FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT PROVISIONS.

5. ON NPT TRUDEAU TOLD BRITISH HE WAS PLEASED WEST GERMANS AND ITALIANS HAD INDICATED TO HIM THEIR READINESS

TO SIGN NPT. TRUDEAU EXPRESSED SOME GENERAL CONCERN ABOUT EXPORT OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY AND SAFEGUARD GUARANTEES, WHICH FCO ATTRIBUTED TO CANADIAN SURPRISE AND CHAGRIN ABOUT INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION.

6. CHANCELLOR HEALEY SAT IN ON TRUDEAU'S CONVERSATIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER AND ECONOMIC DISCUSSION WAS GENERAL IN NATURE. TRUDEAU SEEMED IMPRESSED WITH BRITISH INTEREST IN PRODUCER-CONSUMER MEETING, AND PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT THAT OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE GUARANTEED MORE SECURITY AND PROTECTION AGAINST WIDE FLUCTUA-

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TIONS IN OIL PRICES.

7. REGARDING BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, TRUDEAU ASKED FOR ACTIVATION OF ANGLO-CANADIAN COMMITTEE, A HIGH-LEVEL JOINT COMMITTEE DEALING WITH ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. HERE AGAIN TRUDEAU WAS NOT SPECIFIC IN PROVIDING DETAILS AS TO WHAT NEW FUNCTIONS, IF ANY, COMMITTEE SHOULD UNDERTAKE.

8. TRUDEAU DISCUSSIONS ON COMMONWEALTH MEETING SCHEDULED  
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FOR LATER THIS SPRING IN JAMAICA DID NOT GIVE BRITISH FIRM IDEAS IN PLANNING FOR THE AGENDA. TRUDEAU INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS AND CANADIAN-EC RELATIONS WOULD LIKELY BE DISCUSSED THERE.

9. IN ADDITION TO PLATITUDES ON CULTURAL RELATIONS AND THE SPECIAL BONDS BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UK, TRUDEAU'S VISIT OFFERED THE BRITISH AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF HIM ON CALLAGHAN'S VIEWS ON SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA AS WELL AS WILSON VISIT TO MOSCOW.

10. BRITISH HAD ANTICIPATED THAT DURING HIS VISIT TRUDEAU WOULD MAKE A STRONG PITCH, A LA WHITLAM, ON DESIRABILITY OF BRITAIN'S REMAINING IN THE COMMON MARKET. WHILE TRUDEAU MADE IN PUBLIC ONLY PASSING REFERENCE TO THIS QUESTION, IN HIS WHITEHALL CONVERSATIONS TRUDEAU WAS "COMPLETELY EXPLICIT" IN STATING UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT BRITAIN'S REMAINING IN THE MARKET WAS IN BRITAIN'S INTEREST AS WELL AS CANADA'S AND EUROPE'S.

11. SECURITY QUESTIONS DID NOT ARISE DURING TRUDEAU VISIT. HENCE BRITISH HAD NO OPPORTUNITY TO STRESS IMPORTANCE OF CANADIAN COMMITMENT TO NATO (LONDON 2688).

12. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH TRUDEAU VISIT WAS HANDLED AS PERFUNCTORY PROTOCOL VISIT BY BRITISH MEDIA, FCO SAW SOME BENEFIT IN IT TO HMG. BRITISH HAVE WIDE RANGE OF CONTACTS WITH CANADIAN GOVERNMENT, SOME OF WHICH WERE FEARED POSSIBLY VULNERABLE BECAUSE OF TRUDEAU'S STYLE OF GOVERNING; BRITISH FELT HE WOULD BE QUITE CAPABLE OF INTERFERING OR CURTAILING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS FOR RATHER QUIXOTIC REASONS. VISIT AND COMRADELY ATMOSPHERE OF TALKS HAVE REASSURED BOTH TRUDEAU AND THE BRITISH.

13. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, FCO OFFICIALS SEEMED  
UNNECESSARILY ANXIOUS TO ASSURE US THAT BRITAIN'S  
RELATIONSHIP WITH TRUDEAU AND CANADA IN NO WAY VITIATED  
US-UK RELATIONSHIP. THEY WERE PERHAPS APPREHENSIVE  
THAT TRUDEAU MIGHT ATTEMPT TO CAPITALIZE IN CANADA ON  
VISIT AS EVIDENCE CANADA IS AN IMPORTANT NATION IN ITS  
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OWN RIGHT AND NOT JUST AN APPENDAGE OF POWERFUL NEIGHBOR  
TO ITS SOUTH, AND IN DOING SO MIGHT EXAGGERATE SUBSTANCE  
OF HIS TALKS WITH BRITISH.

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